

RESOLUTION NO. 20- 69

APPROVAL OF PINELLAS COUNTY'S 2020-2024 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN, INCLUDING PINELLAS COUNTY'S 2020-2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN, INCLUDING THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD); AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN, OR DESIGNEE, TO SIGN AND THE CLERK TO ATTEST APPLICATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, HUD GRANT AGREEMENTS, REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS AND AUTHORITY TO USE GRANT FUNDS, SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE AND LAND USE RESTRICTION AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING AMENDMENTS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE HOUSING PROGRAM SECURITY INSTRUMENTS, AGENCY AGREEMENTS AND LAND USE RESTRICTION AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING AMENDMENTS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO SERVE AS LOCAL ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE HUD ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW ONLINE SYSTEM; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO SIGN AND FILE NECESSARY FORMS, REPORTS, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN.

WHEREAS, affordable housing and community development activities are an area of need in Pinellas County and are established program objectives of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County's long-term community development goal is to develop livable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income, and to aid in the prevention and elimination of slum and blight; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program provide local governments with flexible financial assistance to meet the needs of low- and moderate-income people, aid in the elimination of slum and blight, and meeting urgent needs; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County and the City of Largo have formed a partnership (the “Consortium”) under the HOME Program to address affordable housing issues for low- and moderate-income households, with Pinellas County as the lead agency for the Consortium; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Consortium’s FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan identifies objectives and priorities for housing, community revitalization, economic development and job creation/retention, homeless, and persons with special needs to be addressed over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County’s 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan is a One-Year Plan specifying how Pinellas County will utilize CDBG and ESG funds and how the Consortium will utilize HOME funds in the first year to address priorities identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Plan, including the Annual Action Plan, was developed through a process which included input from citizens and agencies through community meetings, public hearings, and a competitive application process; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Pinellas County to execute Specific Performance and Land Use Restriction Agreements with grant recipients to carry out community development projects and activities identified for funding in Pinellas County’s Annual Action Plan and to specify grant recipient’s financial and regulatory obligations; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary, at times, for Pinellas County to amend Specific Performance and Land Use Restriction Agreements resulting from project cost increases, changes in project scopes, project delays, availability of unanticipated funds, and/or other causes; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Pinellas County to execute Agency Agreements, Land Use Restriction Agreements and other security instruments consistent with affordable housing program procedures to produce and preserve affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, HUD regulations require that site specific environmental reviews be performed for each project prior to submitting a Request for Release of Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, in its regular session duly assembled this 21st day of July, 2020, does hereby approve the Pinellas County 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, including the Pinellas County Annual Action Plan for FY 2020-2021 in the approximate amount anticipated to

be allocated to Pinellas County by HUD of \$5,086,324.00, including anticipated program income, and authorizes submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman, or pursuant to Section 2-62, Pinellas County Code, the County Administrator, or their designee, be authorized to sign the Annual Action Plan applications, certifications, grant agreements, Request for Release of Funds and Authority to Use Grant Funds, Specific Performance and Land Use Restriction Agreements, Housing Program Security Instruments, Agency Agreements, Land Use Restriction Agreements, and other such administrative documentation pursuant to these grants, including amendments thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Housing and Community Development Department Director, or designee, be authorized to serve as local administrator for the HUD Environmental Review Online System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Housing and Community Development Department Director, or designee, be authorized to sign and file necessary reports, forms, and other documents related to the administration and operation of the CDBG, ESG, and HOME Programs, including the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. The Housing and Community Development Department Director or designee shall also have authority to authorize actions and execute documentation necessary in administering mortgage and mortgage notes associated with any of the federal grants referenced herein.

Commissioner Welch offered the foregoing resolution and hereby moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Long and the vote was:

AYES: Gerard, Eggers, Justice, Long, Peters, Seel, and Welch.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: 
Office of the County Attorney